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*Introductory Lecture*—Delivered at the opening of McGill University Session 1869-70. By GEORGE W. CAMPBELL, A.M., M.D., Professor of Surgery, and Dean of the Medical Faculty.

GENTLEMEN,—Before addressing to you a few remarks upon the best method of prosecuting your professional studies, I think a short explanation of the Medical Acts which regulate the study and practice of medicine in Quebec and Ontario, might be of service to you.

In the Lower Provinces there has been no recent legislation upon this subject; the Profession there is not incorporated, and the license to practice is granted by the Lieutenant Governor, upon the certificate of qualification from a Board of Examiners appointed by the Government.

In July, 1847, the Medical Profession in Lower Canada was incorporated under the designation of the "College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada East." This Bill which is still in force, was entitled "An Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in Lower Canada, and to regulate the study and practice of Physic and Surgery therein." The qualifications required by this Act were almost the same with those demanded at that time by this University. According to this Act, graduates of British Universities and Colleges are admitted to practice upon giving proof that they honestly and fairly became possessed of the degree or diploma, which entitled them to receive the license of the College. The Members of the College elect triennially a Board of Governors, thirty-six in number, who administer its affairs and conduct its examinations. The qualifications demanded for commencing the study of medicine, (and remember that this matriculation examination was upwards of twenty years ago,) were a competent knowledge of Latin, History, Geography, Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy, and after the year 1850, a general knowledge of both French and English; and the qualifications demanded from a candidate for examination for license to